

7,054 MILES OF ARKANSAS ROADS BUILT SINCE 1917

Progress Under General Highway Laws and Special Acts Reviewed in Commission Report.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 25.—A total of 7,054 miles of highway were constructed or provided for under project agreement during the period from 1917 to 1937, according to the biennial report of the state highway commission now being prepared by Chairman W. E. Owen. Of the total, 1,804 miles were constructed under the general road laws of the state, while the remaining 5,250 miles were provided for by special acts.

During the four-year period, according to the report, 164 highway districts were organized in the state, each of the 75 counties being represented by one or more projects. Benton county, with 214 miles of new highway, leads all other counties. Union county is second with 209 miles, and Pulaski county third, with 195 miles.

To build these roads, the report shows, federal aid was allotted to Arkansas in the following amounts: 1917, \$2,659,101; 1918, \$1,655,375.20; 1919, \$1,090,247.99; 1920, \$1,596,436.09; and 1921, \$1,885,178.09, or a total of \$4,619,288.47. To meet these allotments the state appropriated during the period \$41,555,211.06, bringing the total available funds to \$45,775,340.53.

"There never has been such an era of good roads building throughout the country," Mr. Owen said in his report, "and Arkansas is to be commended for the forward step it has taken in the promotion of highways that will double or triple the efficiency of the farms, and solve many of the problems of marketing the agricultural products of the state."

"Very properly and without complaint, the greater burden of the road building is being placed on the owners of automobiles and motor trucks. In 1919 the legislature appropriated \$500,000 from the automobile license fund to meet the requirements of the federal government for federal aid."

PATRIOTIC BODIES PLAN MEMORIAL

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 25.—A definite plan for the preservation of the old statehouse in Little Rock, by making it the state headquarters of the American Legion, the United Confederate veterans, the G. A. R., the Arkansas Pioneer society, and kindred organizations, will be presented to the next legislature, according to Horace Chamberlin, chairman of the legislative committee of the department of Arkansas of the American Legion.

The plans have not yet taken definite form, Mr. Chamberlin said, but the general idea will be to ask the legislature to turn over to the legion and other organizations, the building and grounds, with an appropriation large enough to allow the restoration of the outside lines of the building, and the repair of the interior of the structure. Authority for slight remodeling of the interior of the building will be asked, he said, to provide suitable headquarters for the various organizations, and auditoriums in which their meetings may be held, as well as authority to beautify the grounds.

It also has been suggested, although the suggestions have not been taken up formally, that the state historical museum be removed from the new capitol building to the old statehouse, and that the plans for remodeling the interior provide for a dormitory in which Confederate veterans, or veterans of the world war, who are in Little Rock without means, may be cared for over night.

Tentative plans for making the old statehouse an Arkansas memorial will be worked out by Little Rock members of the legislative committee of the legion, Mr. Chamberlin said. As soon as these plans are drawn up, a meeting of the full committee, whose 35 members represent practically all sections of the state, will be called in Little Rock and the plans submitted for approval or amendment. This meeting, Mr. Chamberlin said, probably will be called in the next two or three weeks.

CO-EDS LIKE PLAYING SERVANTS AT U. OF T.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 25.—Co-eds at the University of Tennessee are eager to continue the experiment of last week and do the work in the dormitories formerly done by seven disciplined servants, according to Miss Caroline Carpenter, dean of women, under whom the experiment has been conducted for a week.

A week ago seven servants, who it is stated, were about to be discharged for incompetency, failed to report for duty as usual, leaving two girls' dormitories at the university without service. Four scores of students asked the dean if women could do the work until more servants could be secured.

For the past week they have been sweeping, "doing" the dishes, answering phones, making beds and doing all the housework in fact, except cooking and doing the heavier work.

About \$55 which was formerly paid the servants will be divided among the girls for their services during the week. The co-eds, as individuals, plan to send the amount to Herbert Hoover to aid for relief of needy children in devastated European countries.

PRESBYTERIANS TO MEET NEXT YEAR IN PONTOTOC

PONTOTOC, Miss., Nov. 25.—The annual session of the Mississippi Presbyterian synod, which was held this week in Hattiesburg, voted to hold its meeting in this city next year. The change in meeting place was due to the fact that the former pastor at Hattiesburg, but now president of Chickasaw college here,

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Percy Neal Hatt, 25, retail coat dealer of this city, suffered a fracture of the skull last night when he was assaulted by a negro and robbed of about \$50 in cash.

MURFREESBORO, Ark.—The senior class of McVey high school has been organized, with Lizzy Bronte, president; Helen Hayes, vice-president; Margie Koon, secretary and treasurer. The organization is the class flower and scarf and emerald are class colors.

HELENA, Ark.—Col. E. S. Ready, who was major in the ordnance corps of the United States army stationed at St. Louis, made a \$200 donation to the home of the Richard L. Kitchens Post No. 1, of Helena, of which he is a member. Also the Twentieth Century club at their meeting last night pledged themselves to give \$200 to this post of the American Legion.

TRIPLETS, Miss.—The Tripp County Inter-tribunal Sunday School association met Sunday in the Lowery Memorial Baptist church, in Blue Mountain. Practically every Sunday school in Tripp county was represented, and over 1,000 people attended the convention, which is one of the oldest of its kind in the state. In the absence of the president, Thos. E. Pegram, of Ripley, Albert Connor acted as president, and Prof. G. L. Humphrey, of Ripley, acted as secretary.

DIERSBURG, Tenn.—The First Presbyterian church, which has been in the hands of contractors for several months, is about completed. Extensive improvements have been made, and it will compare favorably with any church in this section of the state. An addition has been made, and there is ample room to satisfy the wants of the congregation.

DAYTONVILLE, Ky.—The body of Dr. Fayette Montgomery, 50, son-in-law of Governor-elect McFarr, of Arkansas, who committed suicide in a "cannibal" sanitarium early yesterday by plunging a knife into his heart, was brought here for burial. He had been taken to the institution several days ago suffering from a nervous breakdown.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—A meeting of Arkansas bankers, to be followed in a few days by one of merchants of the state, at which Herbert Hoover will be present, will be held early in January to outline plans for advancing credit to farmers in 1921. It was announced by E. J. Bodman, chairman of the agricultural committee of the Arkansas Bankers' association.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—A letter received by the secretary of the Dixie highway yesterday from the secretary of the Cincinnati Automobile club stating that the club had launched a campaign to raise \$5,000 for the highway.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Morrison will get the 1921 session of Holston conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, according to Rev. J. W. Perry, presiding elder of the Knox-

ville district. The Holston conference will be held next October.

NEWBERN, Tenn.—A wedding of interest was solemnized in the Ohio river district, at Bogota, this county, when Homer Maynor and Miss Artie Reeves, both well-known young people, were married.

PULTON, Ky.—Clifton Usher and Miss Eva Byrn, a well-known and popular couple of Mayfield, were married in this city at the home of Rev. J. S. Dean. Rev. Dean performed the ceremony. They are spending their honeymoon in Southern cities, after which they will reside in Mayfield.

PINE BLUFF, Ark.—Charles Breake, of this city, and Miss Annie Kate Thornhill, of Stuttgart, were married at the home of the bride.

PINE BLUFF, Ark.—Miss Mildred Callahan Gray and H. K. Calvert were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gray, by the Rev. J. E. Merrill, pastor of Beech Street Baptist church.

CLARKSDALE, Miss.—Thos. F. Kelly, of Memphis, and Miss Metza M. Overby, of this city, were married here yesterday shortly after 2 o'clock at the courthouse. The ceremony was performed by Judge Stratton, with only a few friends of the principals present.

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PONTOTOC, Miss.—Miss Inez McDavid and Roy Iye were married here. They will make their home here after a short honeymoon trip.

BUSTOL, Tenn.—Of interest here is the announcement reaching here of the wedding of Miss Margaret Minter to Dr. William M. Sexton, a prominent dentist of this city. The wedding occurred at Arendville, Pa. Rev. D. T. Koser officiating. After a bridal trip to points of interest in the East, they will reside in Bristol.

DEATHS.

SEARCY, Ark.—Mrs. M. H. Huges, aged 87, mother of Mrs. A. A. Crabtree, died here. Deceased was born in Georgia, later went to Mississippi and after the Civil war moved to Jackson county, Ark., where she resided until she came to Searcy in 1915 to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Crabtree. She is survived by two children, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, of Jackson county, and Mrs. A. A. Crabtree, of Searcy.

PONTOTOC, Miss.—Mrs. Bettie Garner, aged 91, reputed to be the oldest

woman in Pontotoc county, died here. She was a member of the Baptist church for 68 years. She was born in South Carolina but had lived here the greater part of her life.

BRISTOL, Tenn.—Funeral services for Mrs. George W. Kunhart, who died at a local hospital, were held here at the residence of Mrs. E. M. Kaylor on Fifth street. Dr. Tilden Scherer, of King college, officiated. Deceased was 81 years old, and leaves three daughters and two sons.

SHUBUTA, Miss.—John W. Hargrove, aged 60 years, died after short illness. He leaves a widow, three boys and six girls. Allen S. West Point; Rev. H. H. Clinton and Eugene Hargrove, Shubuta; Mrs. J. E. Nettles, Shubuta; Mrs. Eunice Bogan Birmingham, Misses Elma Hargrove, Vicksburg; Cema, Lula May and Glenda Hargrove, Shubuta.

PAIDUCAH, Ky.—Miss Elizabeth Ward, 75, a resident of this county for a number of years, died at Riverside hospital, where she had been a patient for several days. Surviving her are four brothers and two sisters of this county.

CLARKSDALE, Tenn.—Rufus Wooten, a prominent banker and merchant, of Lafayette, Ky., 20 miles from this city, died at his home following an illness of several months. Mr. Wooten

was married to a Clarksville lady, niece of W. W. Barkdale, proprietor of the Leaf Chronicle. She preceded him to the grave several years, leaving an only daughter.

SIZE OF PARCELS FIXED.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—New limitations on the weight and size of Christmas packages for soldiers stationed in Germany, Porto Rico and the Panama canal zone have been

fixed by the quartermaster-general. Packages for Porto Rico must not weigh more than 50 pounds or have a combined length and girth of more than 84 inches; packages for Panama must not exceed 72 inches in length and girth, and packages for the army in Germany must not weigh more than 25 pounds or have a combined length and girth of more than 80 inches.

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